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I certainly hope that the FEC does not adopt the interpretation that Act Blue and other on-line fundraisers are essentially PACs for purposes of obtaining federal matching funds. The reason why I use a site such as Act Blue is that I can choose to whom I contribute and decide how much to give. I don't want to give to a PAC because I lose control of where my personal funds are being donated. Sites such as Act Blue simply let me know something about many candidates that I might be interested in supporting before I give any money to a particular candidate selected by me. Sites such as Act Blue simply facilitate individual participation in the process, which is a good thing. The FEC should be encouraging individuals to participate in the electoral process through sites such as Act Blue so that the power of the PACs can be diluted, if only by a small amount. I'd much rather know that a candidate received fun ds from many individuals, rather than an industry PAC, to which he or she would later be beholden.

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